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SUBJECT: KURDISH REFUGEES

REF: A) TEHRAN 1222; B) STATE 11750; C) STATE 11751

1. IN FUTURE MEETING WITH KURDISH REPRESENTATIVE ALI-SULAIMAN YOU MAY DRAW ON THE FOLLOWING POINTS:
--THE UNITED STATES HAS TRADITIONALLY PROVIDED A HAVEN FOR REFUGEES. WE JOINED IN THE INTERNATIONAL RESPONSE TO EARLIER APPEALS FROM THE UNITED NATIONS HIGH COMMISSIONER FOR REFUGEES (UNHCR) IN BEHALF OF IRAQI KURDS;
--WE WOULD GIVE CAREFUL AND SYMPATHETIC ATTENTION TO ANOTHER APPEAL TO THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY FROM THE UNHCR FOR RESETTLEMENT OF ADDITIONAL IRAQI KURDS;

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--BEFORE WE COULD RESPOND TO A FORMAL UNHCR APPEAL, WE MUST REVIEW THE MATTER WITH CONCERNED COMMITTEES OF CONGRESS, THE IMMIGRATION SERVICE AND THE VOLUNTARY AGENCIES;
--WE CANNOT MAKE ANY COMMITMENTS ABOUT THE POSSIBILITY OR SIZE OF A US RESPONSE TO A FUTURE RESETTLEMENT EFFORT WITHOUT THE CONSULTATIONS MENTIONED ABOVE. TO DO SO WOULD

RAISE EXPECTATIONS ABOUT US PARTICIPATION WHICH LATER
MIGHT NOT BE FULFILLED.

2. FYI: WE HAVE TOLD CERTAIN MEMBERS OF CONGRESS THAT WE
ARE PREPARED IN PRINCIPLE TO ACCEPT ADDITIONAL KURDS SEEK-
ING INTERNATIONAL RESETTLEMENT THROUGH A UN PROGRAM.WHILE
DETAILS HAVE NOT BEEN WORKED OUT, OUR PRESENT ANTICIPATION
IS TO KEEP ANY FUTURE KURDISH IMMIGRATION IN ESTABLISHED
CONDITIONAL ENTRY CHANNELS RATHER THAN CREATE A SEPARATE
AND UNIQUE PROGRAM FOR THEM. END FYI. VANCE

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